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COMMERCIAL CHUM SALMON OPENING EAST OF CAPE NOME

The marine waters from the Cape Nome Jetty eastward to Topkok Head will reopen to commercial salmon fishing for 24 hours from 12:00 noon Tuesday, July 23 to 12:00 noon Wednesday, July 24. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length and gillnets must have a mesh size of 6 inches or less.

Chum salmon escapement goals in the Nome Subdistrict have achieved except for the Nome River weir-based goal of 2,900–4,300 chum salmon. However, escapement of chum salmon is projected to range from 3,500–4,200 chum salmon based on recent 5- and 10-year average run timing models.

Commercial salmon fishing could be opened in the western half of the Nome Subdistrict later this week if chum salmon escapements to the Nome River continue to increase.